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Fine showing of pianos for Christmas at Gould's, 58 Spaulding street.

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Mrs. F. H. Rogers of Orange street has returned from an extended visit in Boston.

Regular meeting Bright Star Rebekah lodge, No. 18, Wednesday evening, Dec. 19, at 7:30 o'clock. Election of officers.

Music furnished for all occasions by Montpelier M. band orchestra, Karl Forsell, manager, 'phone Montpelier 252-W.

Mrs. B. A. Eastman of Camp street has returned home from a visit of several days with relatives in Boston and vicinity.

Corporal Paul D. Barnard, who is stationed at Camp Devens, is spending a three days' furlough with his relatives here.

Miss Marguerite Currier, a student at Smith college, Northampton, Mass., has arrived in the city to pass the holiday vacation at home.

Parlor golf game, "the king of indoor sports," an ideal Christmas gift. Regular price \$2. Special for this week, 50c. The Homer Fitts Co.

Miss Madeline Rogers, a student at Middlebury college, is passing two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Rogers of Orange street.

Dr. Lynde will not be present at his usual place of business for a time. Dr. W. K. Mackay will occupy the office during the former's absence. Tel. 366-M or 383-W.

Notice: Regular meeting of Barre Polishers' branch, G. C. I. A., will be held in their hall, Nichols block, on Thursday, Dec. 20, at 7 p. m. Election of officers. Per order A. W. Pirie, Sec.

Notice: Regular meeting of tool sharpeners, No. 2, branch of G. C. I. A., will be held in polishers' hall Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. Important. Election of officers. A. J. Young, secretary.

Mrs. W. P. Mortimer, who has been visiting in the home of Harold E. Ennis of Wellington street and with other relatives in Barre and vicinity, returned this morning to her home in Springfield.

Finest musical, vocal and instrumental, best American and Italian talent in Barre, at First Baptist church Friday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p. m. Tickets for sale with Dr. J. F. Plainfield, pastor Brook street Italian church.

John M. Eastman of Spaulding street went to Montpelier yesterday to confer with the recruiting officer over the matter of enlisting in the navy. Mr. Eastman passed the physical examination and expects to enlist after the holidays.

Regular meeting of Harmon review, No. 1, W. B. A. O. T. M., in K. of P. hall Wednesday evening, Dec. 19, at 7:30 o'clock. Social hour after the meeting. A large attendance is desired. Record-keeper will be at the hall at 7 o'clock to receive dues.

Barre council, Knights of Columbus, has elected a committee consisting of John Papin, Charles H. Wilkie and Charles E. Barrows, to carry out plans for a private dancing assembly to be held in the council hall New Year's eve.

Inter-city bowling matches between Barre and Burlington, which are at a standstill, according to the figures compiled after the last match, are not to be resumed until after the holidays. With the teams at a tie, the third tourney was to have been held in Merio's academy last evening.

Auction sale to-morrow for Joseph Cyr in Orange, near the G. E. Nelson or Dana Flanders farm; 16 head of cattle, nine head of young cattle, seven cows, three hogs, 100 hens and nine turkeys, lot of farm tools, etc. Sale called at 1 p. m. sharp. See ad., page 7 this paper. C. F. Smith, auctioneer.

As Christmas and the regular meeting of the board of aldermen come in conflict next week, the city fathers have decided not to postpone Christmas, but will gather in the council chamber at city hall Saturday evening, Dec. 22, for the business session that ordinarily would be held next Tuesday. Heads of the several city departments were notified to-day to have their payrolls ready for approval by Saturday, and city employees may receive their pay Monday, the day before Christmas, instead of waiting until Wednesday.

Customary precautions against ignition of inflammable Christmas decorations are urged by the fire department at this season, although the decision in some quarters to do away with holiday celebrations this year will reduce the hazard always present when trees are lighted. The appeal applies to window decorations, who are asked to be watchful lest the light and airy character of the material used in trimming be brought in contact with fire. Christmas trees should be located at a distance from window shades and curtains, and above all the impersonator of Santa Claus, should be the limit in the matter of whiskers, etc., should use extreme caution against fire.

Workmen who have been employed during the past few days under the direction of Contractor J. C. DeBrune at the Ward ice pond in harvesting the annual ice crop, have capably displayed their ability in several capacities other than ice cutting, as was shown late yesterday afternoon, when one of the younger employees of the contractor in some manner slipped and plunged beneath the icy depths. Upon hearing the cries for help the workmen rushed from all parts of the pond and after several moments of earnest endeavor succeeded in rescuing their fellow workman from a watery grave. Reports from the home of the young lad this morning indicated that he was none the worse for his chilling experience.

Farmers' Meeting. The meeting held last Friday night to consider the matter of the farmers' exchange was so poorly attended on account of the bad weather and roads that another meeting of the same character will be held in the hall in the Worthen block on Saturday night of this week. Those who were present at the first meeting were pleased with the prospects of exchange and many orders for fertilizers and seeds were taken. Be sure to come to this meeting on Saturday night. This matter will interest you the same as it did the others. E. H. Abbott, County Agent.

Notice. A regular meeting of the Central Labor union of Barre and vicinity will be held in carpenters' hall, Worthen block, Friday evening, Dec. 21, at 7:30 o'clock. Per order A. McDonald, secretary. Please note change of date.

NEWS OF BARRE BOYS

Written By Private Harry Levin in Europe.

From his post with the 101st ammunition train in France, Private Harry Levin, formerly of C company, writes as follows to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Levin of Merchant street, the letter being dated Nov. 21:

Dear Folks: One of my weekly letters. I was made corporal again last week, and I am in hopes to retain such until I am promoted. Just returned from a two days' pass and had a fairly good time, but it is not like the good old U. S. A. Stopped at a hotel one night. The room cost three francs, or about 60 cents. Each meal between five and eight francs, and they were worth the price. John McDonald, who was formerly with the Headquarters company, and who is with us now, received a bunch of Barre papers dated up to Oct. 10, and in one of them I saw where Mr. Brown went to Ayer, Mass., to visit Nelson. Has he been drafted? What is Tom Tomasi doing? Is he back in school?

As yet I have not received my candy or tobacco that I wrote for, but received socks and they are fine. We are going to have a regular Thanksgiving dinner Thursday. Tom Forbes received a letter from his mother stating that you have received my cablegram. I am glad to hear that. I am feeling fine and hope to hear the same from you all. I have not received any letters since the one written Oct. 2 and 3, but I suppose we will get some any day now. There isn't much to write at present.

Hoping these few lines will find you in the best of health, I am Harry.

ARMY LIFE AGREES.

Private Guy F. Oltolini Writes to Barre Friend.

Writing from the base hospital at Camp Beauregard in Louisiana, Private Guy F. Oltolini advises his friend, Joe O. Cassellini of Cottage street, concerning life in a military hospital where more than a thousand patients are cared for at one time and another. Parts of Private Oltolini's letter are given as follows:

Dear Joe: I received your most welcome letter to-day, also the box and contents, for which I thank you most kindly, and sure enough I appreciate it to the limit. Just now I am smoking one of your cigars. I also opened the box of sardines and the cheese and the captain and two other men are going to join me in a lunch.

So far, Joe, army life agrees with me, and of the treatment here I cannot complain. I am enjoying good health. I presume you will be pretty busy in the next few weeks on account of Christmas. I hope business will be good, though I think you don't expect much on account of the war, as people will hold onto their money more than ever. You may be surprised to hear this, but even here it is cold, very cold, at present, and it is a

damp cold that chills one up pretty stiff. We are kept pretty busy here and patients coming in every day. Yesterday we had 225 measles cases, besides 300 others, and it looks as though we would have to leave our barracks and turn them into wards. Every moment we expect to leave here, but I believe we will not leave for France until the middle of January. Nobody is allowed a furlough for Christmas on account of taking care of the patients. Joe, we are not allowed to say much, but with the opportunity at hand, I bid you and your friends a merry Christmas and happy New Year. Give my regards to all the boys.

Guy.

GRANITEVILLE

The Red Cross drive commenced here yesterday with Mrs. J. H. Sutor and Mrs. Perley M. Smith as canvassers for lower Graniteville.

Lemuel Halligan left yesterday morning for Springfield, where he expected to secure employment.

Mrs. Joseph Pierce, who has been at the Barre City hospital several weeks, came home Sunday.

Miss Kathleen Letourneau spent the week end in Burlington.

Miss Annie Campbell has returned from Springfield, Mass., to spend the winter with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. John Murray, jr., of New Haven, Conn., are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Murray.

Miss Florence Coughlin and her brother, Russell Coughlin, left Saturday night for Hartford, Conn., where they are to make their home.

William Imah, who has gone to Barre, where he has employment in Young Bros' granite shed.

Alphonse Allaire, one of the Orange county draftees, was called yesterday to Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass.

A fair will be held in the convent Thursday from 9 a. m. to 7 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.—ad.

WILLIAMSTOWN

Williamstown grange, No. 81, will hold its regular meeting Wednesday, Dec. 19. Owing to the scarcity of fuel, the meeting will be held in the diningroom. All ladies please come prepared to help out on the program. Lecturer.

The members of the Congregational church will hold a meeting in the church parlor Thursday evening, Dec. 20, at 7:30 o'clock. A full attendance is desired as importance business is to be transacted.

PLAINFIELD.

A promenade and dance at the S. and D. of Liberty hall, Plainfield, Friday evening, Dec. 21. Admission, 25c. Dancing from 8 till 1.—adv.

EAST BARRE.

Regular meeting of W. B. A. O. T. M., No. 1, I. O. R. M., Thursday evening, Dec. 20, at 7:30. Election of officers.

FOREST RANGES IN DEMAND.

Grazing Privileges Are Being Sought By More People.

A continued increase in the demand for permits to graze livestock on the national forests and the necessity of going ahead with the work of developing the forest ranges to the utmost are emphasized by Acting Forester A. F. Potter in the annual report of the forest service.

The settlement of the public domain brings new applicants for grazing privileges with each succeeding season, while the continued high prices received for meat, wool and hides are an incentive for the older permittees to endeavor to increase their numbers. "New permits for grazing of animals and an advance in the grazing fees made during the year brought the total receipts from grazing up to \$1,549,000."

The winter season of 1916-17 was the most disastrous the range stockmen of the West have known, Mr. Potter states. There have been years when the local losses were heavier, but never when the losses were so general in every range state. As a result of continued severe weather throughout the winter months and a scarcity of hay, which was hard to get at any price, stockmen suffered severe losses. The lamb crop for the entire West was probably 15 to 20 per cent below the average, while the calf crop was considerably below normal. Because of the shortage of feed on the open range, the national forests were opened to grazing in advance of the regular season and several hundred thousand sheep and cattle were admitted to the forest ranges.

The number of cattle on the forests the past season was nearly 200,000 greater than in 1916, and the number of sheep more than 200,000 greater. This increase, it is stated, was due to a more intimate knowledge of the forage growth and the carrying capacity of the ranges, and to efforts made to increase production of livestock to meet the emergency food needs of the country.

About 1,100,000 acres were examined by the grazing experts of the service during the year. The information gained will, the report says, aid in raising the number of livestock on the ranges to the maximum, without excessive damage.

Light grazing for three years has resulted in excellent recuperation of a large area of grama grass range on the Jornada range reserve. On the high mountain lands of the Manti national forest in Utah, it was found that erosion and decrease in soil fertility following over-

grazing materially lengthen the period necessary for the grass to "come back."

A study of the methods of herding goats has resulted in an improvement in the handling of these animals on the range. On the Jornada range reserve a calf crop fully 10 per cent above the average was saved from a breeding herd held on a fenced range under improved methods and given a small amount of supplemental feed. From another herd, fed an average of 50 pounds of cottonseed cake per head and given still better care, the calf crop exceeded the average by more than 20 per cent.

On some of the Utah, Montana and California forests tests were made which further demonstrated the advantages of the "bedding out" system of handling sheep over the old method of close herding with dogs. Advance was made in the methods of salting cattle and in showing the value of well distributed watering places. On a number of forests demonstration tests were made of eradication of the poisonous tall larkspurs. In every case, the report states, the losses from poisoning were reduced to an extent which more than justified the cost. Minor investigations were also started to work out methods of getting rid of other poisonous plants.

How a Man Home From War Feels in Theatre.

This is taken from a story by Holworthy Hall in the December American Magazine. He says:

"They had seats in one of the last rows of the orchestra; and from the time that the young man gave Frances her program, and the house lights subsided into dimness, she was sensitive to a sweeping alteration of his mood. The sentimental play, which seemed banal to her, affected the young man powerfully. He had spoken the bare truth when he had filed his brief for the trench fighters. Failing relatives and friends to inspire him, he had labored through two arid years with none of the finer emotions to stir him; and in hardening himself to grim actualities he had left himself no defenses on the romantic side; he was hungry for the human elements which by definition must be excluded from the science of war; he was exquisitely receptive to all soft illusions. And as Frances, recognizing these facts, reminded herself that not once had he taken advantage of this brief relationship of theirs, and as she recalled that what she had first set down as forwardness had been merely his eagerness to behold the home of a visualized ideal, she was suddenly overwhelmed by a

wave of compassion which left her panting.

"In the dusk of the theatre she put out her hand. It encountered his, and automatically he drew away. Frances smiled a deprecating little smile to herself and waited, and as she had correctly anticipated, his strong, lean fingers came stealing back and closed around hers and tightened. She could fathom, as definitely as though his sensations were spread before her for the laboratory test, just what were his reactions at this moment. She knew that he was reverent in his attitude toward her, and that he was immeasurably grateful to her, and she couldn't possibly have avoided the knowledge that she fascinated him; and yet his clasp was firm and steady and reassuring to her, for it told her that he

was in undisputed control of himself. It also told her that he was a palpable foreigner in the realm of flirtatiousness."

A Popular Belief.

"We elect a congressman to get us out rights."

"Well?"

"And a good hustler will get us a little more."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Norah with the Noodle.

Miss Bute—Gracious, Norah, here comes that tiresome Mr. Bohr. I'm not at home; but if that's a box of candy he's got I hope he'll leave it.

Norah (at door)—She's not at home. But if that's candy ye have she hopes ye'll have it.—Boston Transcript.

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FRENCH IVORY PUFF BOXES, each	75c to \$2.00
FRENCH IVORY MANICURE SETS, each	\$1.50 to \$8.00
FRENCH IVORY TOILET SETS, each	\$5.00 to \$12.00
FRENCH IVORY COMBINATION MANICURE AND TOILET SETS	\$7.00 to \$25.00
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PERFUMES IN CHRISTMAS BOXES	50c to \$8.50
BRASS DESK SETS, each	\$3.50
STATIONERY IN CHRISTMAS BOXES	50c to \$2.00
FOUNTAIN PENS, each	\$1.00 to \$8.00
HOT WATER BOTTLES, each	\$1.25 to \$2.75
SAMOSSET CHOCOLATES	35c to \$5.00
SHAVING SETS	\$2.50 to \$6.50
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